

Punishment of officers in the Police Department.

238. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the names of those officers in the Police Department who were dismissed, suspended, depromoted and those whose promotions were debarred either by the Government or the Commissioner of Police during 1104 to 1109;

(b) what were the reasons for inflicting punishments upon those officers;

(c) whether complaints are being received against Inspectors of Police for their questionable actions and caste prejudice; and

(d) if so, what actions have been taken against them?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*):

(a) & (b) Government do not consider that it is in the public interests to furnish the information.

(c) Sometimes.

(d) They are dealt with on the merits of each case.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): With regard to the answer to part (c) and the answer that each complaint will be judged on its own merits, will the Honourable member say whether, in regard to the complaints, he makes enquiries personally or deposes his subordinates to make the enquiry?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I direct my subordinates to make the enquiry.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether any standard has been fixed in regard to the complaints that may be given to the subordinates and those that have to be attended to by the Commissioner himself?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): There is no standard fixed and it is not possible to do so.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): In considering the question whether a complaint ought to be given to the subordinate or ought to be taken up by himself for enquiry, may I know whether any standard is fixed as to the magnitude of the offence alleged against his subordinate?

PRESIDENT: Well, gravity of the offence.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I want the member to say whether any allegation of corruption in a definite manner has been made in regard to any subordinates under him by anybody.

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): That is rather too vague a question. There are hundreds of such allegations.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether, in the case of complaints where there are definite allegations of corruption, the member thinks it serious enough to be attended to by himself?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): No, not at all. It is impossible for the Commissioner to do that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamittu*): May I know whether, even in regard to allegations of a definite character against his subordinates, the Commissioner may depute some of his subordinates to attend to them?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes. There are various grades of officers. There are the District Superintendents and the Assistant Superintendents. When a matter is really of a very serious kind which requires the attention of the Commissioner, he will certainly consider it.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamittu*): May I know whether, when considering such complaints, the status and position of the complainants in society will also be considered?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Any complainant is entitled to have an enquiry irrespective of status.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamittu*): May I take it that the member does not make any distinction in regard to the status and position of the complainants?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): As far as the complaint itself is concerned, there is not much difference. A poor man is as good as a rich man in the eye of the law.

Appointments made by the Land Revenue Commissioner.

234. ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwage*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many appointments from each caste have been made (up to 21-11-1109) by the present Land Revenue Commissioner?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

The information is noted below:—

<i>Name of community.</i>	<i>Number of appointments made.</i>	<i>Acting Appointments.</i>
Brahmin—Tamil	1	
Do. Malayala	2	
Nayar	3	
Mussalman	3	
Christian—Latin Catholic	1	
Marthoma Syrian	3	
Jacobite	1	
Ezhava	2	
Kammala	1	
	Total	17
	<i>Permanent Appointments.</i>	
Ezhava	1	
Other Hindu (Chayakkaran)	1	
	Total	2